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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL BENEFIT
- CHECKS IN CANADA

REF: STATE 132159, BELT - PASCUA TELECONS

1. EMBASSY HAS SUBMITTED FORMAL REQUEST TO MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES TO GAIN ASSURANCE THAT IN THE EVENT OF A POSTAL STRIKE WE MAY UTILIZE THEIR EMERGENCY NETWORK TO EFFECT DELIVERY OF U.S. FEDERAL BENEFIT CHECKS IN CANADA. (OUR REQUEST INCLUDES OFFER OF USG ASSISTANCE IN EFFECTING DELIVERY OF CANADIAN BENEFIT CHECKS TO RECIPIENTS IN U.S.) THIS IS A FOLLOW ON TO PRELIMINARY, INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS WITH MINISTRY STAFF. BASED UPON THESE, WE HAVE GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT FORTH-COMING RESPONSE WILL BE POSITIVE.

2. MAPS OUTLINING CONSULAR DISTRICTS (REQUESTED REFTEL)
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ARE IN THE MAIL. WITH REGARD TO POSTAL CODE DIRECTORIES, WE HAVE REQUESTED POSTAL AUTHORITIES TO MAIL THREE COMPLETE SETS DIRECTLY TO DEPARTMENT.

3. EMBASSY URGES STRONGLY AT THIS TIME, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF CONTINUING STRIKE THREAT, THAT EFFORTS BE MADE TO HAVE CANADIAN POSTAL CODES INCLUDED ON THE FORTY PERCENT

OF BENEFIT CHECKS PRESENTLY WITHOUT CODES. INCLUSION OF CODES WOULD BENEFIT AREA IDENTIFICATION AND, HOPEFULLY, MORE RAPID DELIVERY.

4. EMBASSY WILL, OF COURSE, KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS AND DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY UNFOLD. DUEMLING

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